

Professors and non-professors are all going down to Hell together.
Mrs. P. how can we get a grasp upon the consciences of
ministers in Massachusetts. We have been dealing in creeds,
creats, respecting heresy, in faith and practice, until
we have shrunk into our shells and are then lying
dormant. It does seem to me that I could sound
an alarm to the Zion, Watchmen, which would cause
the ears of many to tingle, could I but get hold of
a trumpet. The Evangelist is too far off to reach
make its sound heard extensively in this region -
and as for the Recorder, it is so out of tune that it
will only "give an uncertain sound" - Mrs. Somewhat
must be done to set dumb dogs a barking, or
the Philistines will be upon us.
Much love to Mrs. P. Let me hear from you in
meditation. Or much love
John W. Perry

Shelburne June 5th 1833

Dear Mr Phelps —

I have lately ascertained that Mr Hentings with his associates for the Ceylon Mission are to sail from Boston June 29th or July 1st. It will be necessary for me to be in Boston at that time, to wait upon Mrs Lathrop. And now can you exchange with me. June 30th I must be in Boston at that time, Providence permitting, and it will not do to leave my people unsupplied. — If you cannot come, to Mendon at that time, I must look to you to find me ~~and~~ supply by hook and crook, at my expense. But I hope you can consistently exchange. Nothing of special interest among my people. We are commencing an effort to remove the Meetinghouse debt. My people have just raised about 200 dollars, on a conditional subscription to be paid if the debt be cancelled by June 1833. With this form of subscription, I am about to make application to the Church. — Ministers and Churches in this region are in a most lamentable state — Old and dead, ourselves, the churches of death are dropping upon the impatient, and I sometimes am led to believe that